

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-619-E - ORDER NO. 93-169
FEBRUARY 11, 1993

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric) ORDER
 & Gas Company for an Increase in the) GRANTING
 Company's Electric Rates and Charges.) STATUS
) CONFERENCE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of the request of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) for a pre-hearing status conference in this matter. SCE&G further requests that all parties be required to submit a comprehensive list of all issues they intend to raise at the hearing in time for discussion at the pre-hearing status conference.

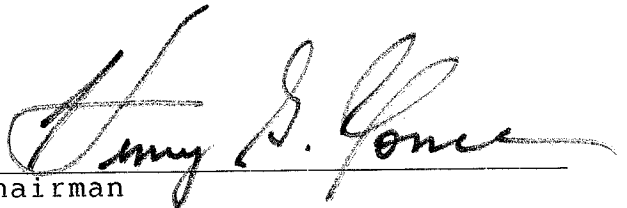
The Commission has considered this request and hereby orders that a pre-hearing status conference be set in this matter. Pre-hearing conferences have been employed successfully by Staff in the past to discuss any procedural matters, the hearing schedule, and the need to schedule any witnesses for a time certain, among other things. The Commission is of the opinion that a pre-hearing status conference will also afford all parties an opportunity to identify the issues anticipated to be raised at the hearing. In this regard, the Commission holds that, at the time of conference, all parties shall serve a comprehensive list

of issues that they intend to raise at the hearing in this matter. However, the Commission holds that if the parties determine later that there are additional issues that should be raised after the pre-hearing status conference, the parties may raise said issues at the hearing, even if these issues were not on the list of issues served at the pre-hearing conference. See, Order No. 91-932 in Docket No. 91-141-G, dated October 29, 1991. Such issues raised during the hearing could be addressed in any post-hearing brief or proposed Order that may be filed.

Further, the Commission has determined that all parties of record should attend this pre-hearing conference. Any party not attending will be bound by any agreement made at the pre-hearing conference. While the Commission is of the opinion that parties should be allowed to raise any relevant issue during the proceeding, the Commission encourages all parties participating in this matter to endeavor to identify issues at the time they arise and before the close of the hearing.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants SCE&G's request for a pre-hearing status conference to be set by the Staff. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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